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In Reply Refer To: 19-08756-F

Mr. Jasper Craven
MuckRock News
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Dear Mr. Craven:

This letter is an interim agency decision on your April 4, 2019, request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, to the VA National Acquisition Center for a copy of

"All contracting materials for two companies engaged in delivery of coordination of care, Optum Public Sector Solutions, Inc. (contracts detailed here: <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5175>) and TriWest Healthcare Alliance (contracts detailed here: <https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/52957/expansion-of-contract-with-triwest-for-community-care/>) The following contracts and/or contract actions fall under this request:

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After conducting a reasonable search, we have concluded that we do not have records responsive to your request; therefore, I am issuing a “no records” response for the VA National Acquisition Center. However, please be advised that the VA Office of Acquisition and Logistics FOIA Office may possess the records you seek. Accordingly, I have referred your request to Ms. Patricia Litewski, VA OAL FOIA Officer, under FOIA tracking number 19-08756-F for further processing and direct response to you. She may be reached at (202) 632-5952, or by e-mail to VA_OAL_FOIA@va.gov.

Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the processing of this request, you have the right to seek assistance from the VA FOIA Public Liaison at 1-877-750-3642 or by email at vacofoiase@va.gov.

Additionally, as part of the 2007 FOIA amendments, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS by email at ogis@nara.gov; by toll-free telephone at 1-877-684-6448 (or 202-741-5770); by facsimile at 202-741-5769; or by writing to: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 2510, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

Should you disagree with these findings, you may administratively appeal in writing to: General Counsel (024), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20420.

You must file your appeal within 90 days from the date of this letter clearly marking both the letter and the envelope "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please include a copy of this letter with your appeal, and state why you disagree with this determination.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me directly at 708-786-7804 or by email at kristen.ellis@va.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristen M. Ellis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kristen" being more prominent than the last name "Ellis".

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Cc: VA OAL FOIA Office